

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil having an extendable elongate handle with a working head at one end of the handle, the handle being assembled of at least a first length to which the working head is mounted and a second length that is coupled to the end of the first length remote from the working head, and which is adapted to be moved from a first position, in which the second length is stowed alongside or substantially coaxial with the first length but not obstructing the working head so that the utensil may be used, to a second position, in which the second length is substantially aligned with the first length to provide an extended overall handle length, wherein the second length is pivotally mounted to the first length by an articulated pivot, the pivot being slidably moveable whereby during alignment, or when aligned, one length may be moved longitudinally toward the other to bring the second length closer into cooperative engagement with the first length to provide a secure robust interconnection of the first and second lengths.

2-3. (Cancelled.)

4. (Currently amended.) ~~A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the second length is configured to fold back against the first length to stow nested with the first length, substantially coaxially aligned with the first length, one length being at least partly accommodated within the other, whereby the user may comfortably grip the handle comprising the nested first and second lengths to operate the utensil.

5. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the pivot comprises a pair of opposing axle stubs on one of the handle lengths.

6. (Original.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 5, wherein the axle stubs cooperate with a slot in the other of the handle lengths.

7. (Original.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 6, wherein the axle stubs are adapted to cooperatively engage with a pivot component which bridges therebetween, in use.
8. (Original.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bridging pivot component serves to lock the second handle length to the first handle length and is mounted in the slot to allow articulating movement of the moveable pivot.
9. (Original.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bridging pivot component is an annulus.
10. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 7 [[8 or 9]], wherein the bridging pivot component has a keyhole aperture shape on each opposing face, which is complementary to a corresponding key shape of the axle stubs for cooperative engagement of the axle stubs with the bridging pivot component.
11. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 7 ~~8, 9 or 10~~, wherein the axle stubs are configured to snap fit into the bridging pivot component, having hook means to lock them in place.
12. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 7 ~~8, 9, 10 or 11~~, wherein the length of the handle having the slot to receive the bridging pivot component has ramp means to slightly splay the axle stubs and guide them into effective cooperative engagement with the bridging component.
13. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 7 ~~8, 9, 10, 11 or 12~~, wherein the pivot bridging component is integrally ~~moulded~~ molded with one of said first and second lengths of the handle, being linked to it by a frangible link.

14. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the working head is ~~demountably~~ releasably mounted to the first length of the handle, in use.

15. (New.) 10. (Currently amended.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bridging pivot component has a keyhole aperture shape on each opposing face, which is complementary to a corresponding key shape of the axle stubs for cooperative engagement of the axle stubs with the bridging pivot component.

16. (New.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 8, wherein the axle stubs are configured to snap fit into the bridging pivot component, having hook means to lock them in place.

17. (New.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 8, wherein the length of the handle having the slot to receive the bridging pivot component has ramp means to slightly splay the axle stubs and guide them into effective cooperative engagement with the bridging component.

18. (New.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pivot bridging component is integrally molded with one of said first and second lengths of the handle, being linked to it by a frangible link.

19. (New.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 4, wherein the working head is releasably mounted to the first length of the handle, in use.

20. (New.) A hand held cleaning utensil as claimed in claim 5, wherein the working head is releasably mounted to the first length of the handle, in use.